

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Community Services Commission convened in a regular session at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2006 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners and staff welcomed new Commissioner Randy Hicks who shared information about his background.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso informed the Commission that Cliff Numark will join the Commission on February 23, 2006 and congratulated Chairperson Orpe for his reappointment.

Chairperson Orpe welcomed Torrance Youth Council members Nina Sawhney, Annie To, and Maria Turcios.

3. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Adams, Gilbert, Hazell, Hicks, Ning, and
Chairperson Orpe.

Absent: Commissioner Numark.

Also Present: Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso.

MOTION: Commissioner Gilbert moved to grant an excused absence to Commissioner Numark for the January 26, 2006 Commission meeting. Commissioner Hazell seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Chairperson Orpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Adams, with a second by Commissioner Hazell, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Numark).

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Commissioner Gilbert noted the following correction to the November 17, 2005 Commission meeting minutes:

Page 5, Item 5: "MOTION: Commissioner Gilbert moved for the approval..."

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved for the approval of the November 17, 2005 Torrance Community Services Commission meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilbert and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Numark).

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

7A. SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso advised that March 2006 would be the next quarterly meeting and asked that Commissioners select a date.

Chairperson Orpe and Commissioner Adams explained the history and purpose of the Social Services Advisory Committee to Commissioner Hicks.

In response to Commissioner's Hicks' inquiry, Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso stated that the Committee survives at the will of the Commission and that the Committee was selected to set up and coordinate meetings.

A brief discussion centered on past successes, efforts by the Commission, scheduling changes in meeting times, the lack of attendance at the last few meetings, and the future of the Committee.

Commissioner Ning stated that the meetings were not working and suggested that attendees be questioned if there are coming to meetings out of obligation or if they found the meetings to be worthwhile.

Commissioner Hazell received clarification from staff that the benefit of a standing committee is that it can stay on an agenda and only become active when it is activated.

Commissioner Hazell suggested that a meeting could be centered on the process of applying for the City's grants for non-profit social services agencies.

Commissioner Ning initiated a discussion on the possibility of awarding grants to four or five agencies rather than giving smaller amounts to several agencies.

It was determined to schedule a date for the next meeting at the February 23, 2006 Commission meeting.

8. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES

8A. UPDATE

Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso reported that there was \$40,000 available for the 2006 grant program, that checks would be distributed on February 23, 2006, and that letters were sent to 2005 grant recipients advising them that their financial and narrative reports are due by the end of February 2006.

Chairperson Orpe explained the grant program and monitoring assignments to Commissioner Hicks.

9. YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

9A. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No report.

9B. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council members reported on the Youth Council's \$27,000 grant to the ATTIC for roof and floor repairs, the Christmas Boutique, and Rose Parade float decoration. They discussed upcoming events that include the Youth Forum, ASB Bowl, and Beat the Odds scholarship program, noting that they are still recruiting new members.

9C. COMMISSIONERS' ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Hicks volunteered to attend the February 1, 2006 Youth Council meeting.

10. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10A. Commissioner Hazell mentioned that he saw an article in the newspaper about Chairperson Orpe's grandson playing soccer.

10B. Commissioner Gilbert announced the Torrance Public Library Foundation fundraising event at the Toyota Auto Museum on Saturday, April 22, 2006.

10C. Commissioner Ning announced that he was chosen as president of the Board of Directors for Dashew Students and Scholars at UCLA and that he has a new drum set.

10D. Chairperson Orpe wished everyone a happy New Year and Valentines Day and thanked Youth Council members for attending the meeting.

11E. Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso stated that he enjoyed the holiday dinner.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:58 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex meeting room.

Approved as Submitted February 23, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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